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Letters to the editor

Choice or Inevitability

I want to express my appreciation for your recent editorials, and add several comments.

On Rhodesia you have put the truth of the matter plainly: "black rule in South and Central Africa is inevitable." But I think it is important to say that there has been more than an inevitability at work in Rhodesia. Before it was an inevitability it was a choice—for decades Rhodesia has faced a question of social justice about which a choice could be made. Now, it appears, the time of choice is essentially past and the implacable movement of history will do what it will do.

At issue in Rhodesia for decades have been two questions: the dignity (human rights) of black Rhodesians and economic justice. Could anyone be so cynical as to suggest that there could not be a better situation in Rhodesia today if the church had clearly enunciated the biblical imperatives of social justice over those decades?

And so the question comes down: Is the Rhodesia experience teaching us something about the totality of the gospel message which will equip us better for other situations with urgent social justice implications? Situations such as that of North America, and particularly of the United States, where majorities have systematically denied the dignity of minorities, and economic injustices have been institutionalized in the system and baptized by the church. The documentation of these

injustices fills libraries. It is sufficient here to call to mind past and present treatment of Indians and Blacks, and the fact that in a hungry world North America with 6% of the world's population consumes 40% of its resources.

Perhaps—I hope it is true—the inevitability of history has not yet altogether taken over the North American situation and we still have a choice. But clearly it will not be a choice for long, because history is marching swiftly at our heels.

What can we do? We can, for one thing, do biblical evangelism as you outline in your October 25 editorial. We can do biblical evangelism instead of "pop" evangelism. Pop evangelism eviscerates the Great Commission. It believes that all power has been given unto Jesus in heaven—but not on earth. On earth it believes that all power (authority) has been given unto national sovereignties, and Romans 13 is routinely cited as proof of that.

We can, for another thing, apply II Chronicles 7:14 to the church instead of to the nation, again as you outline it in your second October 25 editorial. Rhodesia is unremitting in the way it is telling us that we as Brethren in Christ have some work to do in our understanding of the church-state question. And we are most emphatically not getting any help in that area from the follies of conservative evangelical Christians in the current U.S. political milieu.

I have dared to express my thoughts in to page six

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Release on Wanezi Incident

On November 9 the missions office received a cable of an incident at Wanezi Mission in Rhodesia. A letter written by Robert Mann, Field Secretary, arrived November 16. From this information, the facts of the incident are these:

Five men came to Wanezi Mission on Saturday evening (the 6th) about seven o'clock. They first went to Mr. I. Kumalo, principal of the secondary school, demanding money at gunpoint. They had him open the school safe and he gave them the money (estimated at \$500—U.S.). They then had Mr. Kumalo open the store and they took food. Next they wanted the school car. The school had only a truck and they did not want to take Mr. Kumalo's personal car. When they learned that the mission station wagon was in care of Carl Knepper, they went to his house. Carl was confronted at his door by a man with a gun. He shut the door and stepped back into the corner. They then shot through the door and the window into the living room. Winnie and Charlotte were in the bedroom under the bed. Carl had a slight leg injury. There are about twenty holes in the door. Following this incident, the five men left the mission. They had cut the telephone wires so there was no way of reporting the incident immediately. At the time of writing, there was no further incident in the area. Government security forces were at Wanezi.

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Editorial

No Ivory Tower

WITH this issue of the *Evangelical Visitor* we highlight the ministry of Christian education. This part of our church life is closely related to literature—books, booklets, tracts, curriculum, and other forms of the print media. We are a literate people. In spite of other media we still learn through the printed page.

Although the Brethren in Christ for many years has used literature in furthering its life and in supporting its doctrines, the momentum has increased substantially in recent years.

In 1966 the membership manual for junior highs, *On Your Way*, was published. Two years later the first book in the Heritage Series, *Adventure in Discipleship*, was printed. In 1973 the second title in the Heritage Series appeared: *The Ministry of Reconciliation*.

These first two titles have been followed recently by two more: *Called to Obedience* and *The Church in Mission*. A fifth Heritage title has been commissioned, treating doctrine and faith. This title is scheduled for 1978. (The present pause in publishing of Heritage titles provides an opportunity to use one or more of the present titles during the 200th Anniversary Biennium).

A membership manual for senior highs and adults—*On Being Brethren in Christ*—was released at the past General Conference. *On Your Way* is scheduled for revision and publishing in 1977.

I have gone into a bit of detail to make us aware of the increased momentum in Christian education literature. This increase in producing literature indicates a new awareness of our own identity. As one of the smaller denominations we will need to turn to outside sources for much of our Christian education materials but we will not retain our identity as a church if we are nourished only by independent publishers or other denominational sources.

Alongside all of this is another effort—one of the major publishing efforts of the denomination—*The Foundation Series*. For the first time, we as a church will have a graded curriculum for our children, pre-school through grade 8, in which we have had substantial input. This curriculum will be introduced to our congregations in the spring of 1977 for use in September.

This has been a cooperative effort with the Mennonite Church and The General Conference Mennonite Church. The Church of the Brethren have also participated at a less involved level, seeing in this curriculum an emphasis which would minister to a significant segment of their denomination which desires a more conservatively oriented curriculum.

Through this cooperative effort the Brethren in Christ have been able to have a curriculum that reflects a major emphasis of our life and faith as a church. As the General Editor for the denomination I was asked to serve on the Editorial Council. With me were John Arthur Brubaker, Director of Christian Education, and Daniel Chamberlain, recent Dean of Messiah College and now President of Houghton College. Erwin Thomas, Publishing Agent for the denomination, served as Chairman of the Publisher's Council. Serving with him was Don Shafer, Bishop of the Midwest and Pacific Conferences.

As I write this editorial I am in the midst of editing the Leader's Guide for *The Foundation Series*. That is the piece that describes the curriculum in some detail. As I read through his leader's guide I was much impressed as I

saw the work of hundreds of people over a period of four years begin to take shape.

Let me share three features of this curriculum that I believe will find a welcome response in our congregations.

1. *The Foundation Series has a strong biblical base.* A chronological study of the Bible, with one quarter each year centered in the Gospels, permits careful and deliberate study of the full biblical story while focusing regularly on Christ, who is the center of the Scriptures.

The authority of the Bible is emphasized. This authority is not only seen in the area of truth and faith but in areas of life—obedience and values. The Bible not only speaks to doctrine, it speaks to life.

Jesus Christ is the center of the salvation story. He is the final and supreme revelation. He is the Savior from sin, the Lord of the Christian, the Head of the church, and the coming King of kings. To Him this curriculum deliberately returns one quarter each year (grades 3 to 8) in order that the children of our congregations—our sons and daughters—may learn to know Him, whom to know is life eternal.

2. *The Foundation Series is evangelistic.* The expressions of evangelistic concern will vary between and within the cooperating groups, but they all share a common heritage that entrance into the kingdom is neither by natural birth nor ritual nor good deeds, but by being born of the Spirit and through the grace of God.

This reality of conversion reflects itself in newness of life and observable changes in attitudes and behavior. A person's freedom (an important concept in Brethren in Christ doctrine, Article V, Manual of Doctrine and Government) is recognized by the planners and writers of this curriculum. This calls for a responsible, conscious and meaningful decision as a person's response to the call of Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit.

A guide to evangelism will be prepared by the Brethren in Christ to accompany the use of this curriculum. By this means it should be possible for pastor, parents, and teachers to use the opportunities which the lesson material provides or the times when the Spirit moves sovereignly among the class for meaningful evangelism.

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WANEZI INCIDENT

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The district overseer of the church whose home is at Wanezi is Rev. Joel and Rebecca Ncube. Missionaries include: Donald and Dorothy Potteiger, Carl and Winnifred Knepper, Mildred Myers, and Sharon Weisser. Their families have been informed of the incident which they received with grace and assurance.

There is no present consideration of closing the school. Year-end exams are soon to start and the school term closes about December 4. The situation is being kept under review by the church leaders and the Field Committee who will advise concerning safety precautions. There is no indication of plans to leave the Wanezi area. The concluding words of Bob Mann's letter: "We feel that the Lord is protecting us and we are in His service."

*Brethren in Christ Missions,
J. Wilmer Heisey, Executive Secretary*

THE CHILD'S WORLD

Daniel R. Chamberlain

LET'S SING the "Gravy Song"! That request came from my four-year-old daughter when our children were asked what song they would like to sing during family devotions. This, I presumed, was a secular song that she had heard on the radio or television, but instead of responding that it was not appropriate for family worship, I asked if she could tell us a little more about the song. Her pained response was "You know the song *Lo in the gravy lay Jesus my Savior*."

This experience illustrated several important principles for me. First, children learn from and are influenced by every experience they have. Second, children do not always learn what we think they are learning or what we hope they learn. Thus it is very important that we attempt to understand the child's world and the forces that shape and influence our children.

Home

The first force a child feels is the *home*. A look at today's homes is a sobering one: almost one third of the marriages in the U.S. end in divorce. In some cities the divorce rate is 70%. Children are also unhappy with their homes; an estimated half-million American children run away from home every year. Some sociologists are even suggesting that marriage is an outmoded institution that ought to be abandoned.

Our first reaction to this grim picture may be to express thanksgiving that our homes do not suffer from the problems that plague the typical American home. I share that comfort, but with reservations: first, (and regrettably) our homes are becoming more typical; and second, our children are profoundly influenced by what happens in the homes of their friends.

As a child, I knew of few broken homes; in my church, divorce was unknown and even in my elementary school I can remember only one classmate whose parents were divorced. Such a pattern increased my sense of security about my own home; I was certain that only death could dissolve my parents' marriage. Today, with so many homes disintegrating, it is inevitable that our children will have increased doubts (however subconscious) about the validity and stability of marriage.

This instability and insecurity can be attributed, in part, to the demise of the extended family. One hundred years ago the family had three generations living close together and working at similar tasks, usually farming though other trades and crafts were also common. Children in such an environment grew up with the subconscious understanding and expectation that life for them, measured by geography, occupation and lifestyle, would be essentially as it was for their parents. In such a setting children seldom questioned values that were unanimously accepted by parents, uncles, aunts, and cousins. The expanded family thus fostered humility, respect and conservative lifestyle.

But farms grew larger and cities expanded. The expanded families became less practical and less numerous. Increasing numbers of families left their home communities to begin careers and occupations different in place and often different in kind from their parents. And so we have the age of the nuclear family; the grandparents are left behind. True, one may visit, but one never really returns to the lifestyle of that generation. They may be remembered fondly as representative of "the good old days" or with hostility as "old fogies," but the assumption is clear: times have changed and we have changed.

The oldest generation is not the best nor even an acceptable guide into the land of tomorrow. The past is no longer vivid and represented by living, powerful people; rather it becomes shadowy, easily distorted and thus easily abandoned.

Some children in our congregations, and many of the children in our communities (and thus friends who influence our children), lack the stability and security of either the extended or the nuclear family. They come from shattered or single-parent homes. In such homes children see themselves as immigrants in time just as surely as our forebears were immigrants across oceans. Parents and children feel alienated from the other; each is subconsciously certain that what the one faces the other has not or cannot experience. So dialogue becomes difficult and communication seems impossible. The child from the broken home is certain that no adult is available to point with assurance the way to the future, and the adults often tacitly accept that assumption.

In Brethren, Mennonite, and Brethren in Christ communities we have elements of all three phases: the extended, the nuclear, and the shattered family. It is difficult to meet the needs of children in each of these situations. However, I believe that the best conceived curriculum and our best teaching could be a significant force in strengthening our homes and in supplying the community and stability that Christian life and nurture require.

School

The school is another important force in the child's world. At the turn of the century most of our parents and grandparents attended one-room schoolhouses. This meant that siblings, cousins, neighbors, and fellow-church goers were all in the same school. The pressures for respect and continuity were unspoken, but all-powerful. A misdeed at school was known and punished almost as quickly at home as at school. Children of all ages walked to school together, learned together and played together and they usually went home to similar household and farm related tasks. Life was all of a piece with home, school, and church often teaching and reinforcing the same values.

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THE CHILD IN THE CONGREGATION

Paul M. Lederach

IN TEACHING children in the congregation, we can easily miss a central reality: the congregation. Jesus, the Lord of the church, is calling the congregation into being. It is made up of born again believers—disciples of Jesus Christ and people mature enough to assume responsibilities of discipleship and membership in the body of Christ.

Matthew 19:13-22 is very helpful in understanding the relationship of children and the born again disciples. Jesus *welcomed* children to Himself. He loved them. He laid hands on them (13-15). However, Jesus said to the rich young ruler, "Come, follow me." (21) Jesus *disciplined* adults. He *welcomed* children.

While Jesus commended the child-like attitude and said, "... for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." (14), it was adults he called to follow Him and to be with Him.

Crucial in the account of the rich young ruler is that he had the option to say "Yes" or "No" and was sufficiently mature to accept the consequences of this decision. This emphasis upon a mature and responsible decision to follow Christ has been important in the tradition of which the Brethren in Christ are a part.

Although not members of the congregation as believers, children are part of the congregational family. For these the believing adults have a sacred responsibility.

The concept of the child in the congregation is very important. Children are seen in the midst of the congregation. Where do these children in the midst of the congregation come from? There are two sources. First, when the congregation gathers, believers with families bring their children with them, second, children attend from

families of unbelievers. These children are from two backgrounds, (1) those whose parents are seeking to know the gospel, and what it means to follow Jesus, and (2) those in whom members of the congregation have special interest.

Regardless of where children in the midst of the congregation come from, the congregation loves them and wishes to share the faith of the congregation with them.

Sharing faith with children is primarily an adult activity. Adults must be equipped, trained, and gifted by the Holy Spirit to do this. There are four areas adults must keep in mind as they share the faith:

1. The biblical materials.

The Bible is central to the life of the church. It is the Word of God. It tells of God's acts to save people. It tells of God's Son, Jesus, the Savior. It tells about God's people—of which the congregation is a part. It points to the kind of life God wants His people to live individually and corporately in the world.

The congregation is concerned that children know well the story the Bible tells from Abraham to Jesus, and the story of the church from the beginning till now. Also, the congregation wants children to learn how to use the Bible, to develop skill in using it, to develop the ability to interpret it, and to apply it to life.

2. The life and mission of the congregation.

Children need to be much more aware of the nature, purpose, and destiny of the people of God. The congregation is a local manifestation of God's people.

The congregation has what have been called internal and external concerns. Internal concerns relate to the

gathered life of the congregation—discipling, teaching, worshiping, discerning, administering, to list a few. External concerns relate more to the life of the congregation in society—witnessing, serving, relating to the state, earning, spending, saving money. The Bible provides guidance for Christian living when the congregation is assembled, and when the members of the congregation are at home, in the neighborhood, or on the job.

3. The impact of the world.

Increasingly the congregation, as it shares the faith, must take into account the forces that are making an impact on children's lives. For example, special attention must be given to the impact of public school experiences.

It's important for the congregation to know at least in a small measure what the child is taught in public school. There are many things taught in the public schools which the church affirms. There are many things that need to be supplemented. And then there are many things that need to be corrected. For example, science taught in public school needs to be supplemented with a theocentric view of the universe. This is God's world. Health classes need to be supplemented with the insight that bodies are Temples of the Holy Spirit, that we are to be stewards of the body because we are "bought with a price" (I Cor. 6:19-20).

Some social studies need correction with the universal view of the gospel, "For God so loved the world that he gave ..." (Jn. 3:16).

4. The growth and development of children.

The congregation must take seriously how children grow intellec-

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But our dedication to progress and change has altered all of that except in the most sparsely populated parts and among the Amish brethren. Consolidation and unification have swept the U.S. and Canada like an epidemic. Bigger is better, and larger is more efficient (even if it means busing children three hours and a hundred miles a day). Clearly our buildings are bigger and better; our curricula are more varied and our teachers are better prepared. Further, larger schools are able to focus on the special interests and needs of the particular age group they serve.

This progress has also produced problems. Without a clear or single philosophy or value-system, actions and attitudes are judged by the situation, rather than by an absolute standard. Children quickly learn the vacillation and relativism of their parents and teachers. Applying such ideas to their own decision-making results in a kind of lowest common denominator of secular humanism.

Usually our children are in a classroom full of children their own age; frequently the entire school contains only a few grades. Our children's major contacts with other people are with children of the same age group. The inevitable result of this overexposure to peers is an overemphasis upon acceptance by them and agreement with them.

Television

As profound and important as the home and school are in the child's world, many would argue that the most important influence on our children today is the media in general and television in particular. Since ninety-five percent of all American homes have TV—more than have indoor plumbing—it merits special examination. Indeed, the plumbing must accommodate the TV for in large metropolitan areas, water supplies, and disposal capacities must be built to handle peak loads generated by commercials and station break times.

The typical child watches 25,000 hours of TV before reaching 18; several times the number of hours required for a college education. During that time the child is exposed to approximately 350,000 commercials. But TV is not simply the triumph of trivia; it is often more and worse. The National Association for Better Radio and TV estimates that between the ages of 5 and 15 the average child watches the violent

destruction of more than 13,400 people on TV. Perhaps worse are the many cartoon characters violently destroyed before a child reaches age 5. And always the character is back for the next episode or even the next minute suggesting that violence and destruction are not real or permanent.

The language and sex of current TV certainly help give our children a distorted view of wholesome life and relationships. Equally serious is the implicit assumption that things are the measure of a person's value to himself and society.

I am also concerned because television is a passive activity. The viewer sits, relaxes, and waits to be entertained or distracted. Viewers even in the same room seldom interact with each other; instead that single-eyed-hypnotist holds them individually transfixed. Because I did not have TV as a child, how did I spend those 25,000 hours? Some of the time I worked, but when I wanted fun and entertainment, a group of children usually got together and played. Sometimes we played ball; sometimes girls and boys together played hide-and-seek, kick-the-can, Red-Rover, or a dozen other games we learned or invented.

And in those settings we learned the importance of others, of rules, of cooperation. We learned by experience to follow and lead. We accepted defeat and overcame disagreements because we didn't have an instant entertainer to turn to if things didn't go our way.

I understand that TV is only a medium and is therefore not intrinsically good or evil. But I fear that we have lost our perspective about it and that it constitutes a larger part in the lives of our children (and ourselves) than we know or are willing to admit. Our responsibility to control the medium lest it control us seems ignored or forgotten.

We dare not glorify a perfect past and deplore the problem-plagued present. At the same time we should recognize some of the powerful, positive forces provided by our past that are not easily and automatically available in our present situation. We should also identify the deficiencies now present in our homes, schools, and media and our society. The Foundation Series and our church teaching programs can then capitalize upon new strengths and strive to compensate for advantages available to previous generations but often absent in our current situation.

tually, morally, socially, spiritually, and physically. Teaching must be tailored to children's capacity to learn.

The congregation, the life of the congregation, its love, unity and purpose, the quality of life of each member—these are very important when sharing faith with children in the midst of the congregation. In fact, when compared with the congregation and the models of discipleship each member provides, printed curriculum materials are seen in true perspective. They are basically tools to help adults share the faith with children in the congregation. These tools contribute balance, sequence, and comprehensiveness; they reflect a theological position.

The models of discipleship that adults provide are much more important. For this reason it is important that children from homes of unbelievers be brought into the congregation only to the extent that they can have meaningful relationships with adults. In the context of open, loving relationships with adults, children in the midst of the congregation—whether from homes of believers or unbelievers—are welcomed to Jesus. And as children are welcomed to Jesus, there will come the time that Jesus will address each one as He did the rich young ruler, "Come, follow me." He will come, through the Holy Spirit, when the child is able to respond with either a "yes" or a "no" with integrity.

The congregation must share the gospel faithfully. To some the gospel comes as a word of welcome. To others the gospel comes as a word of conviction, calling to salvation. The task of the congregation is to live the gospel and to share the gospel faithfully—and to allow the Holy Spirit to work in lives as He will and when He will.

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rather blunt language, but not, as I know my heart, with an unkind spirit.

Am I mistaken to suppose that when we circumvent the hard sayings of Christ in the interest of amity, we may be laying up for ourselves the retribution of history in its unyielding inevitability? I think that I see more than a little bit of this happening in the world today. If I am not seeing clearly, I welcome information to the contrary.

John K. Stoner

Denver, Pa.

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Religious News

Canadian Mennonite Farmers Bank Wheat as Reserve

A federally-assisted food bank for world emergency relief has been set up by the Mennonite Central Committee, a church-sponsored relief and service agency.

The committee says the new plans will allow Canadian farmers to donate wheat, creating a reserve for emergency and development needs around the world.

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) has allocated up to \$1 million for the first year of the plan and will provide additional funds in following years depending on farmer response. The Anglican Roman Catholic and Lutheran churches have expressed interest in participating in the food bank.

"Afrikaans Intellectual Revolt" Seen Behind Criticism of Regime

In what Afrikaans newspapers here have described as "an Afrikaans intellectual revolt," a number of academics in the Dutch Reformed Church community have sharply attacked the South African government's racial policies.

At a meeting in the university town of Potchefstroom in the Transvaal Province, delegates to a conference sponsored by the Afrikaans Calvinistic Movement declared that there would be more justice in South Africa if the country were run by "black Christians," rather than by the present white government.

The revolutionary character of this attack was seen in the fact that the country's three Dutch Reformed Churches have been the pillars of the ruling Nationalist Party and its policy of apartheid, or racial discrimination and segregation, which the government calls "separate development."

Mainland China Population Near Billion, Study States

A new international population study indicates that China, with an estimated 964.4 million people, is the world's most populous nation.

China is followed by India with 652.7 million, the USSR with 256.8 million, the U.S. with 222.2 million, Indonesia with 143.4 million, Brazil with 113 million, Japan with 112.2 million, and Nigeria with 83.8 million.

The population estimates as of mid-1976 were prepared by the Environmental Fund, a private organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C. The figures were based on data of the International Statistical Program Center of the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

The study revealed that half of the world's population live in four countries—China, India, the USSR and the U.S.—and the other half are divided among more than 160 countries.

Canadians Organize To Fight Smut

A group calling itself Successful Living of Canada, is promoting what it calls, "inspirational, nondenominational literature," in an effort to stem the tide of "pornography, smut, and objectionable type literature" it sees invading Canada.

Walter Seward, President of Successful Living, Incorporated, said in an interview, that his company plans to invade grocery stores, supermarkets, drug stores and restaurants, and already has between 500 and 600 racks of books in shops across the country.

"People want something different to what is presently on book shelves. They're tired of the pornography and smut, and we have an alternative in wholesome Christian literature," said Seward.

The idea of Christian literature being made available in secular settings began when businessman David Thornburg of Minneapolis accepted the challenge four years ago to put Christian paperbacks into supermarkets and other public places and since then the idea spread to Canada, New Zealand, Latin America and Africa.

"As Christians we must stop being apathetic about pornography. We must fight smut with good solid reading and these books are the answer. They lead their readers to the Bible and then to loving God," said Seward. He described his literature as "how to" and "self-help" type books, especially touching on family, marriage and children. He said Charles Colson's book "Born Again" was among the top best sellers.

Christian Colleges Seen Overflowing

Christian college campuses are "full and overflowing" this fall, according to the Christian College Consortium of which Messiah College is a member.

Record numbers of new and returning students boosted many schools past their projected enrollment figures, says the consortium's new service.

Some campuses are experiencing overcrowding and dormitory space is at a premium, the news service indicated.

JFK Outpolls Jesus as Personality Students Would Have Liked to Meet

What historical figure would you have liked most to meet?

That question was posed to 80 percent of Chestnut Hill's first-year students. The school is a private women's college maintained by the Roman Catholic Sisters of St. Joseph. The results:

The young women voted first place to the late President John F. Kennedy. Placing second was Jesus/Christ. And in third position the students voted for Eleanor Roosevelt.

Among others in the top 10 were Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Sigmund Freud, actor Dustin Hoffman, former U.S. Ambassador to the UN Daniel Patrick Moynihan and St. Elizabeth Seton.

National PTA Launches Attack On TV Violence

In response to what it considers to be a mandate for action from its 6½ million

members and the general public, the National PTA is launching a massive project to determine the effects of television violence on children and youth.

The PTA will kick off this first-of-its-kind campaign November 30 in Pittsburgh with public hearings on the subject.

Members will monitor TV programs and evaluate them, conduct local or national boycotts of products or programs, lead a national letter-writing campaign and visit personally local stations, networks, sponsors and legislators.

If these don't get results, stations will have their licenses challenged officials of the National PTA declare.

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3. *The curriculum is story-oriented in its teaching approach.* This is particularly significant in light of the ages to which the curriculum is directed. The power of the story to fascinate and to teach is a world-wide phenomenon. The story bridges cultures and class; intrigues old and young.

It is also the biblical approach. It was the story of God's acts on behalf of His people which was to be passed on from generation to generation. God is not only known by statements about Him but also by what He has done and is doing.

Jesus knew the power of the story and the parable became His method. It was the form used by the early church. When Peter preached his Pentecost sermon, he told the Story. When the crowd gathered in the Temple following the healing of the "man lame from birth," Peter told the Story. When Stephen preached his great and final sermon, he told the Story.

Of course, not every lesson is a story, but this biblical teaching method is an important part of *The Foundation Series* approach to learning. Supporting stories have been gathered from around the world primarily for use in the Foundation curriculum (Erma Hare, former missionary to India gathered stories from Brethren in Christ overseas missions for use in the curriculum). These stories from new and young churches speak in simple and graphic terms what it means for the light of the gospel to penetrate the darkness and gives the curriculum a strong missionary thrust.

This is no "ivory-tower" curriculum. It has grown out of the congregations and from the new churches. It is a curriculum for the congregation, by the congregation.

*Look around your neighborhood
and you too may find people
with whom you can share a
meaningful pre-Christmas observance at*

Candle Lighting Time

Miriam K. Stern



THEY CAME trooping across the field, over the stile and around the curving path to our house—some big children in their early teens and others young enough to allow their hands “to be taken.” Others came from the many staff houses lining the gravel roads of Choma Secondary campus, all heading for the same place to observe again the beginning of the Advent season.

It all stems back to Youngways days, our joy in lighting Advent candles. The spiritual significance of Christmas is threatened today by the fanfare and commercialism which so heavily charges the air. Why not prepare our hearts for Christmas with as much enthusiasm as we do the house, Christmas dinner, and gifts. Since Christmas without children seems void a dimension, we looked around and found that there are children wherever you are (at least in Zambia). You just need heart and eyes to see them.

Choma Secondary School has a wonderful variety of staff children—all sizes, ages and colors. In November notices were sent to the parents, inviting children four years and above to our house the fourth Sunday before Christmas at 4:00 p.m. for the lighting of the first Advent candle. (It's good to send a reminder the day before.)

And so they came, perhaps out of curiosity at first or because there was nothing more exciting to do at 4:00 o'clock on a Sunday afternoon. Then we sensed they came because they liked it. True, the rug acquired a little extra dirt from the many dusty feet and sometimes after they had gone, a

The writer with her husband Ira have served with Brethren in Christ Missions in Africa since 1952—first in Rhodesia and presently in Zambia. They are now living in Lusaka helping to establish Brethren in Christ congregations in the capital city.

wet telltale spot remained where a little brother sat too long, but that was unimportant when you reflected upon those sparkling eyes set in brown, black or white faces, caught up with the fresh wonder of the Christmas story.

There are many programs one can follow in an Advent service. It is important that the atmosphere be relaxed so that the children will participate easily in lighting and blowing out the candles, singing and praying. This is a good time to teach a new Christmas carol, especially one of the Advent ones not so well known to children. Young children enjoy singing the “The Friendly Beast Carol.” The program we used was not original with us but we liked the theology. It embodies the idea of the **FOUR COMINGS OF JESUS**.

1st Sunday. Light one candle. This symbolizes Jesus Christ coming into the world with a body of flesh and blood, born a human baby.

Read Luke 2:1-20 (the Christmas story) and John 1:14. Explain the incarnation, how God became man to help us understand how we can get to God. If children are not shy, have one or two pray following the singing.

2nd Sunday. Light two candles, representing Jesus coming into our hearts as our personal Savior.

Read John 3:16, John 1:12, and Rev. 3:20. Explain simply the act of receiving Jesus into our hearts. This could be a time when children take Christ as their Savior. End with a prayer of thanksgiving for the gift of salvation.

3rd Sunday. Light three candles. Talk today about the time when Christ will come in the air for His prepared people.

Read I Thess. 4:15-17 and I Cor. 15:51-52. Emphasize the importance of living each day ready to meet the Lord. This ties in neatly with last Sunday's lesson.

4th Sunday. Light four candles, symbolizing the time when Christ will come to earth and rule forever and ever. The prophets wrote about this time.

Read Isaiah 9:2-7.

You may stop at four candles, but if the group is your family, why not include a large candle in the center and make it a real “happy birthday” for Jesus on Christmas morning. Sing many carols while all five candles burn.

Some hold significance to the colors of the candles but here in Zambia we use the available white inexpensive ones. For simplicity we often used a container of damp sand into which candles are stuck with leaves and flowers for decoration.

An alternative to having this observance in your home is to fix a portable outfit and go into a high density area where children abound. Find a mother who would be willing to collect the children daily (between your weekly visits) and teach the carols.

One year we observed the Advent season in the Choma church using a different mother each Sunday to lead the candle lighting service, with a grand lighting during the customary Christmas Day service.

Now we live in Lusaka. Our eyes are beginning to focus on the many children in the homes about us.

Why don't you have a look around. If you know Jesus you have something beautiful to share. Move out of your inertia and begin planning your Advent observance.

REPORT 1975-1976

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Board of Christian Education's focus is the congregation.

It is in the congregation that people are nurtured in the Way, join together in worship, and learn the meaning of Christian relationships. The local congregation is where Christian education occurs.

The Board of Christian Education has the privilege of assisting congregations in their ministry of reaching, teaching, and training. This is done by providing resources and ideas, and offering personal counsel.

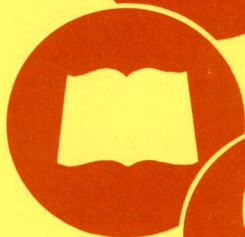
This report shares with you a few of the ways the Board of Christian Education has served the brotherhood in the past year. Please write if you would like to receive a complete list of the resources and services available.

It is our privilege and joy to serve the brotherhood. We count on your prayers and support.

John A. Brubaker

John L. Ebersole

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
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Bike Hike to General Conference

After many months of anticipation thirty-three youth and adults met in Dodge City, Kansas, on June 13 to begin a bike hike to General Conference in Azusa, California.

The Board of Christian Education worked with Out-Spokin, a Christian Biking Organization, in the planning of the Bike Hike. Out-Spokin supplied the bikes and administrative leadership. Dale and Margaret Engle were the Brethren in Christ leaders on the hike.

Some of the events of the bike hike were:

- Participation in worship services in the Abilene area on Sunday morning, June 13.
- Traveling 1,256.9 miles and having 95 flats (a new record for the Out-Spokin organization).
- Traveling through Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, and California.
- Participating in a worship service at the Sandia Brethren in Christ Church.

- Sight seeing in the Albuquerque area.
- Meeting Red Skelton in California.
- Riding onto the campus at Azusa College and being cheered by persons attending General Conference.
- Singing for the General Conference delegates and receiving a standing ovation.

The bikers experienced God's presence and protection in many ways on the trip. God was at work among them as they learned to know each other and as they developed close friendships. Through difficulties and challenging circumstances they developed a new understanding of what it means to trust God.

The impact and success of the bike hike was evident as many of the bikers asked, "When is the next bike hike planned? I want to go along."

Receiving the applause from persons at General Conference.



A much needed rest stop.



BCE Promotes Family Emphasis

During the past two years the Board of Christian Education gave special emphasis to the family and family life concerns. The theme for this special emphasis was "Sharing and Conserving Family Strengths."

Two Family Packets were sent to congregations, one in 1975 and a second one in the Spring of 1976. Included in this second packet were such items as:

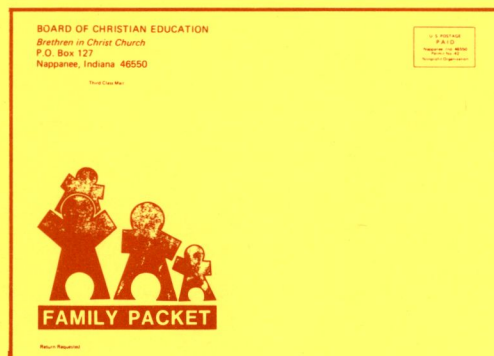
- Forms for planning and organizing a ministry to families.
- Suggestions for family week including ideas for the congregation, family themes in the Bible, and instructions for family devotional activities.
- Program ideas for family nights at church, for the whole family, for parents and teens, and for couples.
- A reading and resource list for families.

Throughout the year the directors conducted workshops on family ministry and led several marriage enrichment groups.

The Board of Christian Education also sponsored a workshop at General Conference on family ministry led by Rex Johnson.

Ideas and Resources on family ministry were included in *Challenge* periodically.

Although the emphasis of the Board of Christian Education has moved in new directions, it will continue in its concern for helping congregations minister to their families.



Up...Down...and Around with the Directors

Part of the directors' task is to travel throughout the brotherhood in the interest of Christian education. The directors, John A. Brubaker and John Ebersole, visit congregations, participate in seminars, sit with regional committees, attend interdenominational meetings, and serve on denominational committees.

Following are some illustrations of contacts made by the directors during the past year.

- Regional or area wide seminars and workshops: 2 in Ontario, 1 in Ohio, 6 in Pennsylvania.
- Congregational contacts: Houghton, Falls View, and Heise Hill in Ontario; Pleasant Hill, Fairview, and Dayton in Ohio; Upland, California; Crossroads, Skyline View, Maytown, Silverdale, and Perkiomen Valley in Pennsylvania; Nappanee and Christian Union in Indiana; and Fellowship Chapel, New York.
- Congregational Analysis Programs: Welland and Stayner in Ontario.

In addition, the directors had numerous administrative contacts. These included attending most of the regional conferences and meeting with several regional boards of Christian education. There were also meetings of the Youth Ministries Resource Committee, the Youth Convention Steering Committee, and the Mennonite World Conference Youth Planning Committee. The directors also attended the annual meeting of the Denominational Executives of Christian Education.

Anyone interested in engaging the services of either of the directors may contact the BCE office.

RESOURCES

The following resources are made available to congregations and/or congregational Christian education leaders.

Challenge—is a quarterly release which is sent to pastors, superintendents, deacons, and youth leaders. *Challenge* features articles on Christian education and alerts leaders to Christian education resources.

Youth Ministries Resource—is a quarterly program resource for youth leaders. YMR contains program ideas and other leadership aids for youth ministry. Copies are sent free to congregational youth leaders.



John A. Brubaker, Executive Director, leading a seminar.

Youth Notes—is a collection of social ideas, program ideas, and resource ideas submitted by youth leaders in the Brethren in Christ Church.

Youth Week Materials—are made available each fall. The packet includes ideas for developing a week of youth activities. The theme for 1977 is "Declaring the Faith."

Visitor Pages—the Board of Christian Education provides material for two pages in issue of the *Evangelical Visitor*. These pages include items of interest for youth, families, and Christian education leaders.

Family Appointment Calendar—is produced each year. The calendar alerts families to the importance of Christian homes. The calendar also serves to introduce families to the work of the brotherhood through its missions, colleges, and institutions.

Relay—is a plan of self-training and certification for every Christian education worker. RELAY is a leadership development program that gives persons an opportunity to improve their skills in their particular ministry at their own pace.

Please write for additional information about any of these resources.

FINANCES--1976

The Board of Christian Education is grateful for the increased congregational support over the last several years. This financial support enables the Board to carry on its ministries.

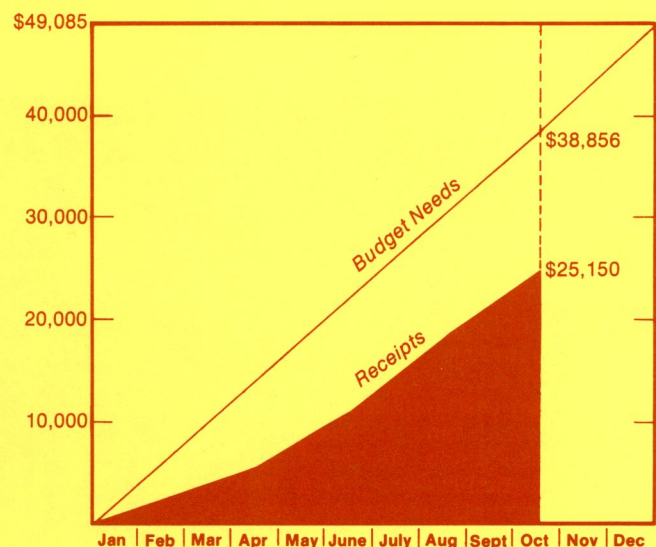
This graph indicates the budget needs and the budget receipts for the year. As of October 20, the receipts were \$13,700 below budget needs.

In order for us to meet our budget we will need to receive \$24,000 by December 31.

This will be accomplished as many congregations and individuals give generously, above and beyond previous contributions.

Please join us in prayer that our budget needs will be met.

Contributions should be sent to: Rev. J. Ralph Wenger, Box 485, Alta Loma, California 91701.



Foundations for the Future

The Brethren in Christ Church will be observing the 200th anniversary of its founding in 1978. This occasion is a time to reflect upon our past, evaluate our present, and set goals for the future. With this occasion in mind the Board of Christian Education has chosen as its theme for the next biennium, "Foundations For the Future."

In the next biennium the Board of Christian Education will be giving special attention to the following areas.

THE FOUNDATION SERIES

The Foundation Series is a new curriculum that is being developed in cooperation with the Mennonite Church and the General Conference Mennonite Church. The Publication Board and the Board of Christian Education together have been involved in the development of *The Foundation Series*.

John A. Brubaker, Executive Director of Christian Education, is serving as the editor for the Brethren in Christ with particular responsibility for grades 7 and 8. He also serves on the Editorial Council and is chairman of the Teacher Training Task Force.

The new curriculum is for ages 2 - grade 8. It will be available in September, 1977.

During April and May of 1977 congregations will be invited to meetings to become acquainted with the new curriculum.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWTH

At a recent Brethren in Christ Administrators Retreat, goals were projected for doubling membership in the next ten years.

The Board of Christian Education in the next biennium will be evaluating current trends in our Sunday schools and will be providing incentives to promote and encourage growth through Sunday schools.

TRIP CAMPING LEADERSHIP TRAINING EXPERIENCE

Camping is becoming an effective way to reach young and old alike for Christ and to nurture them in the Christian faith.

In recent years trip camping has become increasingly popular. In trip camping the campers hike or canoe and take all of their gear with them. They camp in the out of doors and cook their own food.

Since trip camping is done in smaller groups it allows close relationships to develop in the group and between the campers and the leader. Campers also experience a first hand encounter with nature.

In order to assist regional conferences in the development of trip camping programs, the Board of Christian Education is sponsoring a Trip Camping Leadership Training Experience during the summer of 1978. Rev. Eugene Wingert will be the instructor.

Each regional conference will have the opportunity to send 2 leaders to this training event. More information will be available later.

GENERAL CONFERENCE YOUTH CONVENTION

Plans are now being made for a Youth Convention with the theme of vocation and service. The youth convention is being planned for December, 1978. More information will be available later.

FOUNDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

One of the dangers of any organization is that it may lose sight of its purpose and goals. "Unless some form of renewal takes place, almost every organization will become loaded down with good people doing good things that have nothing to do with the goals at which the organization is purportedly aiming" (Christian Leadership Letter, June, 1974).

The Board continues to discover what the needs are in Christian education and how to best meet these needs. Regional groups and individuals alert the Board to Christian education needs and ideas for the future.

We would encourage persons to send their comments on Christian education needs and concerns to the BCE office.

Please pray that we will continue to discover how best to serve God and the Church.

The Board of Christian Education

The Board of Christian Education is composed of 21 persons committed to Christ and the Church. It includes administrators, doctors, business persons, pastors, lay

persons and trained educators who combine their knowledge and experience to sustain an effective program of Christian education in the brotherhood.

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John Hawbaker, pastor of the Manor congregation, recently sent the following letter to the teens and career-age members of his congregation. We share it here as one illustration of "grass roots" missions promotion.

—Missions Page Editor

To The Teenagers And Young Adults Of Our Congregation

Dear Friends,

You will perhaps remember that on Sunday morning in May, I preached a sermon on missions and the spiritual harvest. I remember that morning well because of your response at the close of the service. I directed a challenge particularly to our teenagers and young adults. "Are you willing to follow Christ if He should call you to missionary work or other Christian service? If so, please respond by raising your hand," I said. And at least thirty persons raised their hands!

Of course, I do not recall everyone of you who indicated that day your openness to God and to Christian service. But I do know I have thought of you often since that time, and have prayed for you. And I've wanted to give you more encouragement to consider missionary service. That's the purpose of this letter.

These are exciting days for missionary outreach! The Spirit of God is at work in every continent. The opportunities are great and varied. Workers are needed for:

- evangelism and church planting
- nursing
- teaching in secondary schools
- teaching conversational English
- Bible translation
- radio ministries
- adult literacy and agricultural development
- a variety of "self-supporting" ministries
- (and the list could go on and on).

For some specific openings right now in Brethren in Christ Missions, see the sheet OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE on the bulletin board. [Editor's note: "Opportunities for Service" is mailed periodically to every pastor. If it's not posted, why not ask him about it.]

With our Lord's Great Commission clearly stated and with the need for workers before us, I believe that *God is calling . . .* calling men and women from Manor Church to enter full-time missionary service. I believe that every year, two to four new persons from our congregation ought to answer God's call to the mission fields of the world! Will you pray with me that this vision will become reality?

If you have a personal interest in missions and are wondering whether God wants you in missions service, I offer you the following guidelines:

1. Dedicate yourself to God. Consecrate your life fully to God according to Romans 12:1-2 and be filled with the Spirit in obedience to the command in Ephesians 5:18.
2. Keep your heart open. In your praying, tell God you are available for whatever He has for you.
3. Believe that God wants to make His will known to you. He says, "I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go." Psalm 32:8.

4. Think realistically about being "called by God." Don't wait for some unusual or dramatic sign. Instead, trust God to help you sort out the possible directions for your life.
 - Look at your talents, abilities and interests.
 - Ask yourself, How can my life be used to accomplish the most for God's glory?
 - With faith in God, decide on the area of work or service that is best in light of the two above considerations.
5. Read about missions. If you need suggestions as to what to read, I will be glad to give you some.
6. Attend every session of our missionary conference! You need the information and the inspiration. Go to hear other missionary speakers, too, and listen for God's voice as well as the missionary's voice.
7. Remember that preparation is necessary. Many of the needs in missions service are for particular skills and training. Some of these will require four or seven years of education. That's not bad! You can be serving and witnessing all during your training and learning.
8. Trust God to help you prepare. Learning a new language looks like a big thing to some of you. But when God calls, He enables. And after all, you learned English, didn't you?
9. Witness and serve now. Don't wait for some future date or some foreign place to share your faith in Christ with others. Start where you are. Sign up for our "Here's Life" training institute. Get involved in service opportunities right here, and God will help you know what the next steps are.

If Pastor Engle or I can be of help to you in any way, do come to see us and talk things over.

I urge you to consider more seriously than ever before the challenge of worldwide missions. God is calling. Will you answer, "Here am I, Lord. Send me."?

Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Hawbaker

Another important guideline which Pastor Hawbaker could have added is to counsel with persons who are familiar with, and informed about current trends and needs in missions. Ideally this process of discussion begins as soon as you develop the first interest in missions service . . . don't wait until after all your schooling to find out the new vision for mission service.

The staff of Brethren in Christ Missions, as well as the members of the Board for Missions, are available for such counseling by letter, telephone or personal interview. (Such a contact does not obligate you for service). Contact:

BRETHREN IN CHRIST MISSIONS
48½ South Market Street
P.O. Box 149
Elizabethtown, PA 17022 Phone: (717) 367-7045

COMMUNION WINE

THE MORNING dawned sunny and hot. As breakfast was served there was an air of excitement—the big event of the day was approaching. It was going to be another step forward in the growth process of the Nindiri church. For the first time, the pastor would serve communion without the help of the missionary.

The Toyota van bounced along the dusty road to the church. A few members could be seen coming to the service through the dust of the nearby countryside. One carried a small wine bottle that had undoubtedly been filled with water for the two-mile journey and would be refilled at the church for the return trip home.

Inside the church, the bottle mysteriously appeared on the communion table, the seal intact, with no doubt in anyone's mind as to its contents. The explanation offered was, "That's what the pastor ordered."

Some misunderstanding here, thought missionary Charles Musser, as he sought out the pastor. "Oh, you did order that!" "Well, yes, the Bible does mention the fruit of the vine being used for communion." "Isn't grape pop good enough?" "It's not biblical, you say." "How about grape juice?"

A long, dusty walking search of the little country town turned out "dry" as the only fruit of the vine in Nindiri was alcoholic.

There were two possibilities. The first was to use the wine. The second was to tell the pastor that he couldn't use it. But that second alternative—wouldn't it be counter-productive to all our attempts to work in a teacher/helper role with the pastor, with him leading the church? If the command was given, he would undoubtedly obey, but what would that

do to our relationship with him? Would it undermine it and send us in the wrong direction?

On the way back to the church the missionary breathed a prayer and the pastor heard why it isn't church policy to use alcohol at any time. In spite of the impromptu mini-sermon, the only thing the missionary could say in conclusion was to suggest that the next time, the pastor should look into the possibility of getting grape juice, since grape pop didn't fit his scriptural understanding. The welling desire to say other things and to give the command had to be suppressed, for what we had striven so hard to obtain could not be lost on this one point.

The service began. The single communion glass made its rounds. Each Christian drank from it. When it was offered to Brother Musser, he also drank from it. The cup contained grape pop!

What a day of growth it was, for pastor, missionary and Christian believers. The pastor for the first time presented the communion to the flock he was shepherding. They grew together in faith as this special sacrifice of Christ's was once again remembered. For Chuck, he had once again been able to share truth with the young pastor and, although sorely tempted to make the decision himself, had remained in the role of advisor to the pastor, thus allowing the Holy Spirit the task of convicting if that particular truth was to be followed in this particular instance.

The most important part, however, was that Christ once again commanded the young pastor's life—He had been the one to dictate to that open heart the direction in which the young church should be led. Great is thy faithfulness, to us, Lord, as we

walk with you. Thank you once again, Lord, thank you.

—Bert Sider, Nicaragua

The church in Nindiri was started in 1975, in large part through the efforts of the congregation at Esquipulas. There are approximately 20 members in the Nindiri congregation at present.

Hunger Film Available

A five-filmstrip set entitled "A World Hungry" is now available from the Mennonite Central Committee office in Akron, Pa. The five filmstrips, to be used in sequence, are based on the work of C. Dean Freudenberger, an agronomist and theologian who through many years in Africa has learned first hand the struggles of people to feed themselves.

The first filmstrip, "You May Have Heard," describes the myths many of us believe about the problems of world hunger. "How Hunger Happens," the second, explains eight causes of the present situation. The third filmstrip, "Plans for Justice," outlines the process necessary for the world to become well fed. The last two filmstrips, "Personal Responses" and "More Personal Responses," describe what we all can do about our knowledge, lifestyle, church and politics to respond to world hunger.

The set also includes an overview booklet; a script of each filmstrip; cassette tapes to accompany the filmstrip; a booklet for each strip with discussion questions, further activities and reading lists; a family activity booklet, and a large poster showing the responses described in the last two filmstrips.

"A World Hungry," a Tele-KETICS Presentation produced by the Franciscans, can be ordered from the Mennonite Central Committee, 21 S. 12th St., Akron, PA 17501.

Mission Budget News

October has traditionally been the second best month of the year for budget receipts. In certain years, when October is light, November has taken up part of the slack. During the five-year period 1971-75, 30.26% was required during December.

In 1976, receipts for the first 10 months have equalled the five-year average but are several percentage points behind the giving of the last three years (1973-75).

The portion of the church dollar used for missions has been reduced

over the past 15 years. In 1960, 17.6 cents was used for missions; in 1970, 13.6 cents; in 1975, 10.7 cents. This percentage will need to rise in 1977 and 1978 to keep pace with the missions vision of the brotherhood.

BRETHREN IN CHRIST MISSIONS

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Seven Receive Citation

The General Conference Board of Christian Education believes that people are the key to Christian education. Christian education occurs as persons are faithful week after week in congregations—teaching, administering, planning, counseling, winning, leading, and training.

The Board of Christian Education presented a Christian Education Citation to seven persons to highlight some of the many who are making significant contributions in the area of Christian education. These persons were selected from nominations that were submitted by congregations. The selections were made on the basis of their faithfulness and dedication along with a recognition of the contribution each was making in Christian education.

The seven persons receiving a citation are: Ivan E. Beachy, M.D., Carlisle congregation; Charles Crider, Lancaster congregation; Howard F. Landis, Souderton congregation; Judy and Phil Keefer, Grantham congregation; Earl Robb, Cedar Heights congregation; George Sider, Wainfleet congregation.

These seven persons are representative of the many, many persons who have committed themselves to serving Christ through Christian education.

It is hoped that the recognition of the valuable contribution each of these persons has made will be a source of encouragement and inspiration to all who are involved in Christian education.

Three of the citations appear in this article along with a picture of the recipient. The other citations will be featured in subsequent issues.

Ivan E. Beachy, M.D.



Dr. Ivan Beachy (second from left) receives citation from Rev. David McBeth, Assistant Chairman of the Board of Christian Education. Rev. Walter Winger and Rev. Kenneth Hoke, pastors of the Carlisle congregation join in congratulating Dr. Beachy.

Ivan, you were chosen by the Board of Christian Education of your congregation to receive a Christian Education Citation in recognition of your service for Christ and the Church.

You have served faithfully and effectively as your congregation's Director of Christian Education. A major achievement under your leadership was the bringing together of the Sunday school and other Christian Education ministries into a Board of Christian Education with three commissions. You were instrumental in compiling a Christian Education manual which included job descriptions for the Christian Education Staff. You were also actively involved in providing leadership training for your staff.

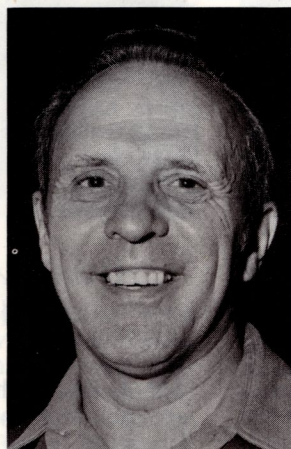
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Your service has been marked by love and concern for people. You have given freely of your time and resources. You have made yourself available to people in helping to meet their needs. Your willingness to participate first hand in behind the scenes, people-oriented ministries, as well as your deep spiritual concern have made you a channel through which God can work.

For these reasons the General Conference Board of Christian Education is pleased to present this Citation to you.

May you experience the joy and peace of Christ in your life as you continue to serve Him.

Charles Crider



Charles, you have been chosen by the Board of Christian Education of your congregation to receive a Christian Education Citation in recognition of your dedicated service in many areas of congregational life.

You have served as a member of the Board of Christian Education for six years and as its chairman for one year, as Sunday school superintendent, as Crusaders leader, as Christian Service Brigade leader and as a Bible Quiz coach.

You have demonstrated versatility in your numerous assignments. Persons working with you have sensed your enthusiasm and dedication. Your friendliness and sense of humor have been a real asset to you in touching the lives of people.

For these reasons the General Conference Board of Christian Education is pleased to present this Citation to you.

May you continue to experience the Lord's presence as you share your gifts with the Lancaster congregation.

Howard F. Landis



Howard Landis (second from the left) receiving a citation from his pastor, Rev. John A. Byers. Rev. Byers is the secretary of the Board of Christian Education.

Howard, you have been chosen by the Board of Christian Education of your congregation to receive a Christian Education Citation for your many years of ministry for Christ.

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Messiah-Upland Alumni Association Awards

Bishop Henry A. Ginder



Eldon Bert, first vice president of the Messiah-Upland Alumni Association, presents the Distinguished Alumnus Award certificate to Bishop Henry A. Ginder at the annual alumni banquet at Messiah College in October.

Distinguished Alumni Award

How does one capture the essence of an outstanding leader's life in a few paragraphs? Even though our words may not be adequate, we make this distinguished alumnus award with heartfelt gratitude.

You are an outstanding Christian churchman, Bishop Ginder, in both the Brethren in Christ Church and the evangelical world at large. You embody the rare combination of a keen mind, discerning judgment, incisive spirit, and warm heart. You are a leader in the church and a personable brother in the faith.

You have been an avid student of the Word throughout life. Some results of these study efforts can be seen in your sermons, evangelism materials, contributions to books, World Day of Prayer productions, and numerous periodical articles.

Ordained to the ministry in 1938, you were elected to the office of bishop in 1948, a position you have held for 28 years.

The denomination has further responded to your leadership abilities, Bishop Ginder, by electing you as its General Conference moderator time after time. Across the years you have served on many important boards and committees. Deeply interested in evangelism, you have preached for many evangelistic meetings and headed the denominational Department of Evangelism.

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Rev. Albert H. Engle



Eldon Bert reads the Alumni Appreciation Award citation to the 1976 recipient, Rev. Albert Engle.

Alumni Appreciation Award

IN A DAY when too many people are pointing the way to dedicated Christian living in words only, it is heartening to know and love a person who shows the way by godly example. We express sincere appreciation to you today, Rev. Albert H. Engle, for your positive contribution to each of our lives.

In your teaching years at Messiah College, 1925-27 and 1944-62, your classroom ministry was strengthened by the consistent model you always presented to your students. In those years you also served as college pastor and spiritual advisor to campus outreach ministry groups.

In 1927 you began seventeen years of pioneer mission service in Kentucky. Hundreds of people were converted through your efforts, resulting in the establishment of five Brethren in Christ congregations.

Even when you returned to the Messiah College classroom in 1944, Rev. Engle, your interest in missions remained unabated. A member of the Board for Home Missions, you became the first executive secretary in 1950, serving until 1963. In addition, you completed your work for a Master's degree at Winona Lake School of Theology and preached for many evangelistic meetings.

All these endeavors enriched your college ministries. Messiah College students, faculty, and staff, as well as

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Lawrence M. Yoder



The first annual Distinguished Young Alumnus Award was given to Lawrence Yoder (center). Alumni Assistant Tom Pasquarello shows Lawrence the plaque while Eldon Bert looks on. Since Lawrence returned to Indonesia before the banquet, his father, LeRoy Yoder, stood in for him.

Young Alumnus Achievement Award

YOU have been chosen, Lawrence Yoder, to receive the first annual Young Alumnus Achievement Award, to be given to someone who has studied at Messiah College within the previous ten years.

After graduating from Messiah in 1966, you received the Master of Divinity degree from Mennonite Biblical Seminary. You then studied the Indonesian language and Islamics at Columbia University and completed special studies in related fields at the New York Theological Seminary.

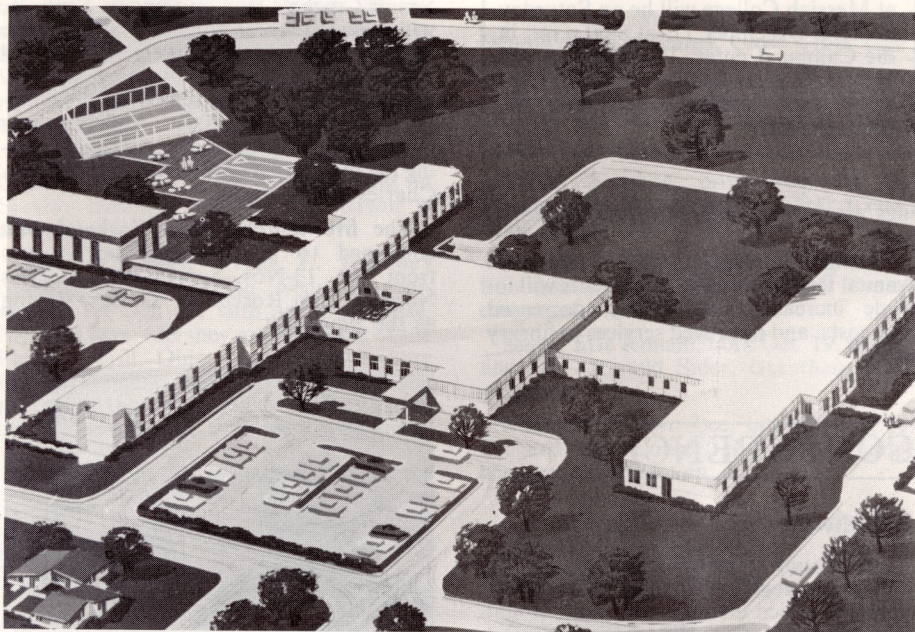
Along with the fulltime study schedule, Lawrence, you somehow served as pre-sentence and probation counselor of the Elkhart, Indiana Municipal Court, and pastor of the Union Grove Brethren in Christ Church.

In 1970 you began teaching at the Mennonite Seminary in Pati, Indonesia, under the Mennonite Central Committee, becoming rector in 1972 and head administrator of the total MCC program in Indonesia in 1973. This involved leadership in agricultural, hospital, parochial school, theological, church planting, and transmigration ministries—quite an undertaking for a person only seven years out of college.

The recipient of other awards and recognitions, including being twice listed in *Outstanding Young Men of America*, you are presently under

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Ground Broken for Messiah Village



The artist's concept of Messiah Village.

Sunday, 3:00 p.m., October 24, 1976, marked the groundbreaking for Phase I of Messiah Village, Mt. Allen Drive, Mechanicsburg, Pa. Weather-wise, it was inclement—rain fell rather heavily throughout the day.

In spite of the rain some 100 cars and a bus load from Messiah Home turned out for the occasion. Coming from near and far, neighbors and friends either sat in their cars (hearing via a public address system) or stood in the rain for the thirty minute program. Dr. Ivan Beachy of Carlisle, chairman of the Building and Development Board, presided.

Greetings and well wishes were given by representatives of PANPHA, Upper Allen Township, Tressler Service Associates, and the community. A ten minute paper prepared by Bishop Charlie B. Byers, Elizabethtown, Pa., was read, followed by the ceremony of groundbreaking.

Rev. John H. Martin, 94 years, now a resident of Messiah Home, his son-in-law, Laban Heisey, on one side and Administrator George Kibler, on the other, shared in the ceremony. The Board of Trustees represented by Musser Martin, the church represented by Dr. Walter Winger and



Rev. John H. Martin turns a shovel of ground in the ground breaking services for the Messiah Village. Left to right, on a very rainy afternoon, are: Dr. Ivan Beachy; Chairman of the Building and Development Board; George Kibler, Messiah Home Administrator; Rev. Martin; and Laban Heisey, son-in-law of Rev. Martin.

Senior Citizens represented by Rev. Jacob H. Bowers, also shared in turning shovels of ground.

Chairman Beachy announced the acceptance of Carlisle Builders, Mr. J. E. Hurley, as low bidder. It is planned that work on the site will begin in the near future. Construction completion is contemplated for early in 1978.

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GINDER

Although intensely loyal to your chosen denomination, you have served and traveled widely in evangelical ecumenical circles, including the National Association of Evangelicals and the Christian Holiness Association. Along with serving on important administrative boards of these associations, you are a past president of CHA. You were an associate evangelist at the Youth for Christ World Congress in both Japan and India. Perhaps your broadest ecumenical ministry was your highly appreciated service on the Key '73 executive committee.

You have been a strong promoter of Christian higher education, Bishop

Ginder, sending all your children to Messiah College and encouraging countless others to enroll. Your counsel on the college Board of Trustees is held in high esteem.

But above all, each of us values you as a friend, for you have the ability to encompass many people in your circle of love and concern. Though very few of us would presume to call you Henry, your official title engenders a warm glow in our hearts rather than an awesome fear.

Bishop Ginder, it is with unusual pride that we present to you, a member of the Messiah-Upland family, the Distinguished Alumnus Award for 1976.

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ENGLE

the Grantham Church family, cannot forget your unwavering convictions and example as teacher and pastor.

Your outstanding enthusiasm and activity in the Lord's work, Rev. Engle, have continued into your retirement years. You used to say, "I would rather wear out than rust out." There is no danger of the latter and not much evidence of the former.

Because of these and many other contributions you have made to our lives and to the institution, we, the Messiah College alumni, wish to express our thankfulness and present to you the 1976 Alumni Appreciation Award.

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Church News

A. C. Burkholder
Honored



Alvin Burkholder was honored for twelve years of service on the Stewardship Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals at the annual NAE Board meeting in Chicago in September.

He was given a plaque which read: "In appreciation for twelve years of sacrificial and dedicated service as Chairman of the Stewardship Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals, 1963-1975."

In making the presentation, his co-worker on the commission, Ed Hales, said that he appreciated the enthusiasm and vigor which Brother Burkholder always manifested, and stated that he had learned much from him. "He has been like a father to me."

Rev. Burkholder responded with the assurance that his service on the commission represented "twelve of the happiest years of my life." He expressed appreciation for the privilege of serving and said, "We all worked together, and God did the work."

MESSIAH COLLEGE

Library Service Expanded

An \$8,000 grant was awarded Messiah College by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan. The grant opened the way for the Messiah College library to participate in the Ohio College Library Center Data Base (OCLC). More than 60 institutions are cooperating in this shared cataloging system.

The \$8,000 has been used to purchase computer terminal equipment, train library personnel, and help underwrite the first two years of operation. Miriam Bowers, head librarian, says the grant enables Messiah to have access to millions of books in northeastern United States. At the same time, all Messiah College hold-

Christmas Choral Program

The annual Christmas Choral program at Messiah College will be on Saturday evening, December 11, at 8:00 p.m., in the Campus Center. This great annual event will again feature the Choral Society, the Chamber Choir, and the Choral Union.

ings are made available to the other colleges.

President D. Ray Hostetter stated in his Annual Report that OCLC benefits will include increased productivity, decreased unit costs, and improved services to library users.

CONFERENCES

Allegheny

The Young Married Class of the **Big Valley congregation** sponsored a Homecoming Service on Saturday evening and all day Sunday, Oct. 16 and 17. The guest speakers were former pastor, Roger Witter, and Catherine Hock, Ortonville, Michigan. Rev. John Rosenberry is the pastor.

The **Jemison Valley congregation** dedicated a new organ, debt free, on Sunday, Sept. 19. Shirley Heisey, missionary to Zambia, shared in the morning service and a fellowship dinner on Sunday, Oct. 10. The pastor is Rev. Thomas A. Bouch.

The **Mechanicsburg congregation** reports that evangelistic services were held Oct. 24-Nov. 7, with Rev. Elam Dohner serving as the evangelist. Rev. Charles R. Burgard is the pastor.

Rev. Ray Brubaker, radio commentator, was the guest speaker on Sunday morning and evening, Oct. 10, at the **Mowersville Church**. The pastor is Rev. Mervin Potteiger.

Correction (issue of October 25): An "e" kept stepping in where an "i" should have appeared in the Fiftieth Wedding announcement of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Winger. Editor

Atlantic

The **Manor congregation** held a Missionary Conference on Oct. 22-26, using the theme, "Here's Life for the World." The speakers included: Jay Musser, Levi and Sandra Brubaker, Harvey Sider, Scotch and Vivian Ndlovu, Luke and Martha Keefer, Sr., and Norman Winger. The pastors are: Rev. John Hawbaker and Rev. Dale Engle.

Recent guests of the **Mt. Pleasant congregation** on Sunday evening, Oct. 24, were Joe and Marietta Smith who shared about their work in Delhi, India. Rev. Ben Thuma is the interim pastor.

Canadian

The **Cheapside congregation** observed Senior Citizen's Day on Sunday, Sept. 26, with over 40 senior citizens sharing in the service. **Rev. Charles Baker**, 90 year old minister, preached the morning sermon. Special music was presented by the Singing Men from Wainfleet. A dinner was given in honor of the senior citizens following the morning service. The pastor is Rev. Charles Byer.

The **five churches from Saskatchewan** combined to hold evangelistic services from Oct. 13-Nov. 5, with **Rev. Charles Norman** from Rosebank, Kansas, serving as the evangelist.



The children of Rev. and Mrs. Edward Gilmore honored their parents on their 50th wedding anniversary, by hosting a dinner reception on September 18 and an open house tea on September 26 at the Wainfleet Brethren in Christ Church.

Rev. Edward Gilmore was ordained to the ministry in 1935. He and his wife served as pastor in the Houghton Area for nine years after which they returned to their home at Wainfleet. Here they pastored the Wainfleet congregation for twenty-seven years. During this time, Rev. Gilmore served as Bishop of the Wainfleet District as well as President of Niagara Christian College. At the denominational level he served on the Board for World Missions and the Ministerial Credentials Board. Emma Gilmore taught elementary school for thirty-three years yet found time to be deeply involved with church work.

Upon retirement from the Wainfleet church, Rev. and Mrs. Gilmore pastored the Boyle congregation for five years, and served as interim pastor of the Bertie congregation for one year.

The dinner reception and open house tea were attended by over 500 guests. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sider, attendants at the wedding in 1926, received guests on both occasions with Rev. and Mrs. Gilmore.

The Gilmores have two children: a daughter, Mary, wife of Lester Fretz, and a son, John.

Central

The youth of the **Fairview congregation** hosted a hayride for the Living Water, singing group from Nappanee, Ind., on Saturday evening, Oct. 30. The Living Water presented a program for the young people. The pastor at Fairview is Rev. Henry Miller.

The **Uniontown congregation** hosted the Quarterly Northern Ohio Hymn Sing on Sunday evening, Oct. 31. The pastor is Rev. Harold Rohrer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde L. Hershey celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Oct. 10, with an open house. Mr. and Mrs. Hershey are members of the Pleasant Hill, Ohio, congregation where the open house was held. They are the parents of three children: Mrs. Fern Heise and Dale. A son, Kenneth, is deceased.



Midwest

The **Dallas Center** and **Oak Park congregations** combined their midweek service on Wednesday evening, Oct. 13, at Oak Park. The Hill family, missionaries from Paraguay, S. A., shared with the group. The pastors are, Dallas Center—Rev. Millard Haldeman and Oak Park—Rev. Harold Jackson.

Births

Bert: Eric John, born Oct. 14, to Joel and Connie Bert, South Mountain Chapel congregation, Pa.

Bitting: Danielle Louise, born July 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Bitting, Carlisle congregation, Pa.

Bricker: Darren Ray, born Oct. 20, to Donald and Darlene Bricker, Chambersburg congregation, Pa.

Engle: Heather Rene, born Oct. 23, to (Rev.) Dale and Margaret Engle, Manor congregation, Pa.

Grosse: Lorina Dawn, born Oct. 18, to Warren and Linda Grosse, Chambersburg congregation, Pa.

Hock: Cindy Sue, born Oct. 25, to Leroy and Fern Hock, Carlisle congregation, Pa.

Hoke: Steven John, born Sept. 23, to (Rev.) Kenneth and Carol Hoke, Carlisle congregation, Pa.

Karns: Melissa Ann, born Sept. 2, to Dennis and Lee Karns, Clear Creek congregation, Pa.

Kraybill: Jeremy Allott, born July 30, to Eugene and Maureen Kraybill, Clear Creek congregation, Pa.

Mills: Stephen, born Aug. 22, to Vaughn and Beverly Mills, Clear Creek congregation, Pa.

Ressler: Jeremy Lynn, born Aug. 22, to Bob and Theresa Ressler, Clear Creek congregation, Pa.

Sider: Eric Ronald, born Oct. 19, to Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Sider, Grantham congregation, Pa.

Stayman: Shawn Lee, born Oct. 6, to Richard and Colleen Stayman, Chambersburg congregation, Pa.

Weddings

Cassel-Wilson: Sharon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wilson, Tipp City, Ohio, and Samuel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cassel, Clayton, Ohio, Oct. 9, in the Christian Chapel with Rev. Hoarsely officiating.

Kanagy-Wert: Judy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob M. Wert, and Daniel, son of Mrs. Ella Kanagy, Oct. 2, in the Cedar Grove Church with Rev. Eugene Heidler officiating.

Martin-Lesher: Roberta Ann, daughter of Mrs. Edith Lesher, Greencastle, Pa., and the late Robert Lesher, and Larry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Martin, Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 12, in the Five Forks Brethren in Christ Church with Rev. W. Rupert Turman and lay-minister, Wilbur Besecker officiating.

Nigh-Chipman: Debbie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Chipman, Jarvis, Ont., and Robert, son of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Nigh, Springvale, Ont., in the Cheapside Brethren in Christ Church with father of the groom and Rev. Charles Byers officiating.

Nigh-McBeth: Carol, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. David McBeth, Grantham, Pa., and John, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nigh, Port Colborne, Ont., Oct. 9, in the Grantham Brethren in Christ Church with Rev. Paul Nigh officiating.

Nunemaker-Kline: Belinda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kline, Waynesboro, Pa., and Joel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nunemaker, Quincy, Pa., Oct. 2, in the Five Forks Brethren in Christ Church with Rev. Rupert Turman officiating.

Obituaries

Grove: Carl P. Grove, born Sept. 18, 1891, died Sept. 11, 1976, in the Altoona Veterans Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Frieda G.; a son, Carl James; two

granddaughters; and two sisters. The funeral service was held in the Friedline Funeral Home with Paul E. Book officiating. Interment was in the Royer Cemetery.

Wenger: John A. Wenger, born Dec. 2, 1918, died Oct. 15, 1976. He was the son of Laban H. and Ruth Hostetter Wenger who survive. He is also survived by his wife, Ruth Heisey Wenger; two daughters: Mrs. Linda Byers and Mrs. Brenda Frey; five grandchildren; a brother, Harry; and a sister, Mrs. Lois Martin. He was a member of the Chambersburg Brethren in Christ Church where the funeral service was held with Rev. A. Graybill Brubaker, Bishop Charlie B. Byers, and Rev. Simon A. Lehman officiating. Interment was in the Air Hill Cemetery.

Whiting: Daniel Whiting, Kitchener, Ont., born Jan. 5, 1960, died Sept. 26, 1976. He was the son of Mrs. Eleanor Whiting who survives. He is also survived by his grandmother, Mrs. Katherine Shantz. He was preceded in death by his sister, Marlene; and grandfather, Sylvanus Shantz. The funeral service was held in the Ratz-Bechtel Chapel with Rev. Herb Anderson officiating. Interment was in the Hagey Mennonite Cemetery.

HOWARD F. LANDIS

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You have served as a Sunday school teacher for forty years. Your ministry over the years has also included being Sunday school superintendent, a boys Brigade helper, a prayer chain leader and a member of the home visitation team.

Your years of service have been marked by sincere dedication, humility, acceptance of each individual and a sense of humor. You have spent many hours in preparation for your teaching assignments. Your caring about people has been demonstrated by your visitation of persons outside of the classroom.

For these reasons the General Conference Board of Christian Education is pleased to present this Citation to you.

May you continue to experience the joy of the Lord as you serve Him in the Souderton congregation.

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special assignment to research and write the history of Mennonite related churches in Indonesia.

In recognition of these important accomplishments, the alumni of Messiah College are pleased and proud, Lawrence, to present to you their first Young Alumnus Achievement Award.

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The Contemporary Scene

Tax Exemption Crisis

"Abuses of tax privileges by religious and other organizations could well bring on a widespread tax rebellion and the collapse of existing tax exemption policies," according to Andrew Leigh Gunn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

The ordination into the so-called Universal Life Church of many hundreds of residents of the Catskill Mountain community of Liberty, New York, could be "the shot heard round the world," Gunn said.

The *Atlanta Journal* followed Gunn's report with a lengthy article citing the pros and cons of taxing church property.

Taxes on churches would relieve the burden on everyone else, wrote Frederick Allen. He quoted Sam Callaway, a member of Atlanta's Joint City-County Board of Tax Assessors, who warned of widespread abuses. "They put a few benches in," Callaway complained, "and a few pulpits. Somebody calls himself the preacher to get his home exempted. It's getting ridiculous.

On the other hand, taxing churches would destroy religious liberty in the U.S., violate the precious First Amendment guarantee of separation of church and state and cripple the morals of the nation, Alice Murray wrote.

"Church leaders maintain," noted Dr. James E. Wood of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, "it would open the doors to a rather frightening aspect of a totalitarian state allowing the government to close up churches for not paying their taxes."

No one charges that people running churches are getting rich. They all must prove to the IRS that they are non-profit.

Rabbi Emanuel Feldman of Atlanta's Congregation Beth Jacob says property taxes would not have a large effect on synagogues because "most don't have a great deal of property."

U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger noted in a majority opinion upholding church property exemptions, that non-sectarian charities have tax exempt status for doing many of the things churches do. It wouldn't be fair, he said, to extend taxes to such groups.

Low Regard for Human Life

"What is the least amount of money you would take to push a button to kill a person inside a black box—(no one would ever know what you did)?"

This question framed by a psychologist at Fuller Theological Seminary was asked of 200 persons around Andrews Air Force Base near Washington, D.C., last year and were contained in interviews of an additional 452 people in St. Mary's County, Maryland.

The answers, according to Dr. Paul Cameron, reveal a disregard for the value of human life in American society.

Interviewees were divided between those who have deliberately killed someone (usually in the military) or have tried to do so; those who never killed or tried to kill were in a second group.

Forty-five percent of those who had killed before said they would murder for money. The average price: \$20,000.

Among those who had never killed or tried to, 25 percent said they would do it, and their average price was \$50,000, Dr. Cameron said.

"Lethality feeds upon itself," said Dr. Cameron, who now teaches at the Graduate School of Psychology at Fuller. He said an estimated 20 million people in the United States have "participated in killing humans in various contexts."

Their attitudes toward life, he said, "cannot help but influence our society in a deathward direction."